HOW THE NEW ACADEMIC HONOR SYSTEM HELPS STUDENTS

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In order to succeed in the chosen path, perseverance is needed as well as a clear goal in mind. In the journey towards success, one will meet a lot of people that will both help and challenge his capabilities as a person. It is important to learn how to have good relationship with people because we are going to deal with others every single day. That is why Department of Education changed the honor system for the K to 12 Program.

According to the DepEd Order No. 36, students who achieved academic, leadership, social responsibility and other aspect of student progress and development will receive an award regardless of the number of recipients. This is to show learners that they are being acknowledged for their hard work for the particular semester or school year. With the effectivity of the order, every student who meets the standard set by the institution is a candidate for the award. This removes the titles valedictorian and salutatorian for the awardees as it was replaced by with Honors, with High Honors and with Highest Honors for students who get the average of 90-94, 95-97 and 98-100, respectively.

With such, students’ overall performance increases as they are more motivated to do their best. It also gives chance to those who are not academic performers but are good in extra-curricular activities such as sports and arts. As what DeCharms (1972) argues, learners tend to do better if their common goal is being the center of their learning. In relation to the DepEd Order, the new academic award system helps in the intrinsic motivation of the students, making them more in control of their learning.
Furthermore, in the study of Gregory and Bunch (1959) where pointed out that rapid learners show more consistent retention than slow learners, it shows how students learn at different pace. With the new system, they will not be pressured to keep up with children who learn faster, they can have their own study plan where they can improve themselves with the fear of failing classes since they are in charge of everything.

DepEd is trying its best to provide students everything that they need in order for them to be successful in the future. Not only that, the department is attempting to alleviate the stress that comes from studying as they enact new orders for the sake of the Filipino learners.

References:
DepEd Order: Nos. 36, s. 2016; 15, s. 2016; 8, s. 2015, and 74, s. 2012.